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Will Santa bring you a shiny new Amiga Magic pack to play with for Christmas? Or will he just drink the sherry and disappear?

Dear Subscriber,

In this Christmas issue, we have a special report from the Solelectron factory in Bordeaux, France where Amiga Shopper's ex-production editor, Anna Grenstam went to see how the new A1200s are made. She was also invited to a tour around a vineyard on the same day – we're hoping that the photographs she took won't be too blurry!

We have plenty of other features to keep you busy over the Yuletide period, including a look at viruses and how to combat them; a feature on multimedia; and a great competition from Digita to win a copy of Wordworth 5.

It looks like the popular programming language AMOS will be resurrected too – read the news pages for more details – so we have included the AMOS extension IntOS on the Coverdisk this month.

The Amiga Shopper team would like to take this opportunity to wish all our loyal subscribers a very merry Christmas indeed.

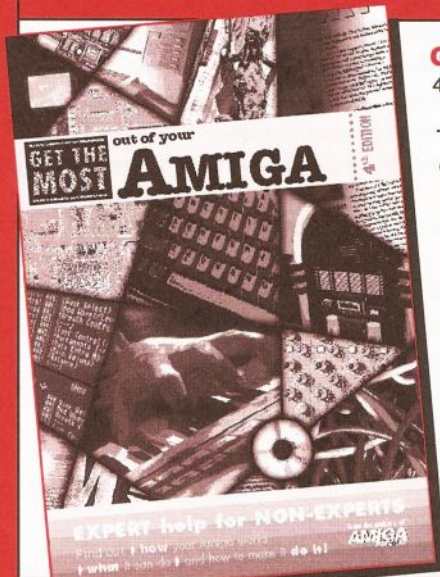


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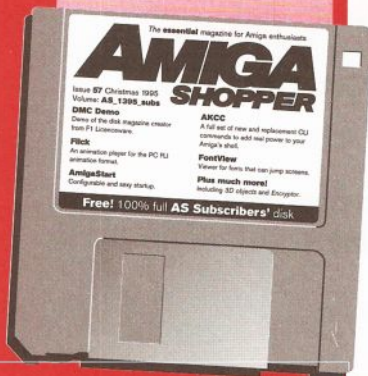
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Subscribersdisk

Who needs Father Christmas when there's so much for you on the free Subscribers' disk? David Taylor presents you with yet more goodies.



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- ML module



Hmm. I'm supposed to find something witty, amusing and yet informative to say once again. Well, I can't. I have thrown all my energies into packing this disk 100 per cent full (yet again) with a variety of programs to interest everyone and to be honest, I'm pooped. So, have a merry Christmas and don't spend too long away from the family playing with all the stuff you've got from Amiga Shopper's disks. See you in '96.

DMC Demo

On this month's Coverdisks there's an exclusive copy of AMOSzine, the disk mag created especially for AMOS users. It has a very professional-looking front end and is very easy to use. That's because it was created with DMC, the F1 Gold title.

So that you, too, can try your hand at making mags like this, we've got hold of a demo of DMC. There are full instructions included. Just double click on the DMC icon and it will load – you can read the instructions from here. The full version of DMC can be bought from F1 for £6.99. ☎ 01392 493580.

Flick

While it's not a pleasant fact, it is true that there are other computer platforms apart from the Amiga. That doesn't really cause us that much of a problem, though, because with certain programs, we can gain access to all their data (and can they say the same of the Amiga? No!). This program is specifically for the playing back of animations that have been made in the PC FLI format. Simply double click on the program and select the animation file. It's especially useful if you've got some PC CD-ROMs or some CDs which are multi-format as you can now have a look at the anims made for PC users.

AmigaStart

There are quite a few programs around that are designed to smarten up your startup. It's easy to see why. I mean, don't you get sick of looking at that really exciting Shell

screen? This program is quite configurable and allows you to choose from several pictures including your own. But AmigaStart does more than just display pictures; as it boots it prints certain system information, such as processor and memory. Try the example pics and then move on to designing your own. The docs explain how to integrate your own images, so do read them. This program's really designed for use with a hard drive.

AKCC

It seems that some of the most popular things to be included on the disks are replacement CLI commands. So, this month we've included a collection called AKCC, which is a huge selection of new CLI commands to either replace or complement existing CLI commands. There are ones to suit normal users and programmers. Read the guides for more details about the package and for an explanation of the numerous commands included.

FontView

If you're like me, you've probably got quite a healthy collection of fonts, but find that taking a quick look at them is almost impossible. Here's where FontView comes in. It can show you the font, display details about it and jump screens so that you aren't tied to Workbench when working.

And the rest...

But I know you lot, that won't be enough for you. Don't worry, there's still loads more. There's **Encryptor**, a new file protector that encodes your programs and data so that nobody else can use them without your password. The reason I liked this one is because it uses an Applcon so that you can just drop your files onto them to have them en/de-coded.

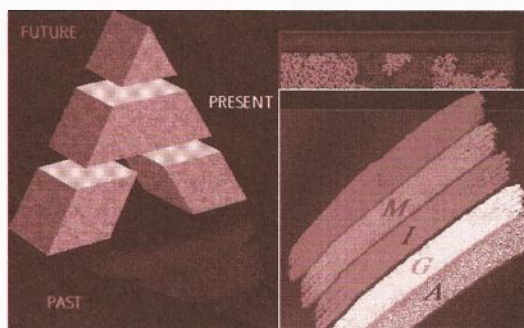
There's another WB launcher, called **WBLaunch**, that may not have as many features as others, but is quite small and easy to configure with a simple text file.

Ktooltypes is a program that allows you to select an Icon and then edit the tooltypes within your favourite word processor. The best part is the way that it attaches itself to the Tools menu on Workbench so as to allow you to choose it easily. This way it really integrates into your Workbench.

And 3D users are also catered for with a selection of **objects** for Imagine that let you make a train. There is a selection of carriages which should be quite useful.

Music lovers too can find a MIDI module that can be used if they've got a keyboard attached. There's also a further music module for MusicLine editor that is on this month's main Coverdisks in the Application Zone.

Well, that about wraps it all up. Hope you enjoy all these extras – have fun using them.



Turn your Amiga's bootup screen into one that makes it look like a real workstation with AmigaStart.